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SOME SPICY SCENES ARE ANTICIPATED

President McBryde and His Corps of Instructors Testified as to the Management of Their Board of Visitors Hold Meeting.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) BLACKSBURG, VA., July 26.—Two distinctly interesting features developed before the Virginia Polytechnic Institute legislative investigating committee today, and results arising therefrom may tend to prolong the inquiry and to give it considerable animation.

One was the board invitation officially extended by the body to any and all who may have charges or complaints against the institute to come forward and be heard, and the other the summoning of W. W. Gray, of Blacksburg, as a witness. Mr. Gray is out of town, but is expected to appear to-morrow, and a sensation is anticipated when he takes the stand. He is a contracting builder, and furnished estimates for the workshops at the school four years before they were constructed. It will be recalled that Dr. McBryde referred to this incident in his testimony of yesterday, and expressed the belief that the rumors of extravagance in connection with the expenditure of \$165,000 in 1904 had originated here and on this account. One hears it whispered about tonight that if Gray takes the stand some spicy scenes may be witnessed when he reaches the stage of cross-examination by Captain J. R. Johnson, attorney for the school.

Dr. McBryde Recalled.

Dr. McBryde was recalled this morning, and testified as to the general methods of teaching in the institute. He then introduced his corps of professors, who spoke especially for their respective departments. Perhaps the most interesting feature of the day was the resolution offered by Senator Echols, and unanimously adopted, setting forth that the committee is here to faithfully carry out the instruction of the General Assembly, and inviting parties having complaints to submit them, with the full assurance of a patient and respectful hearing. This is an invitation to the public generally, and any one who wishes to be heard is asked to wire Hon. A. B. Thornhill, chairman, at once. The committee is desirous of finding out if various rumors concerning the affairs of the institute have any foundation.

It develops that they are well founded, the body will move to have the trouble remedied through the Legislature, and if not, it desires to wipe the aspersions forever from the fair name of the school. There are no charges here, and the committee is only proceeding on rumors.

Anonymous Communications.

Anonymous communications have come in reflecting upon the management, and Senator Echols denounced this as unworthy of notice. "If a man makes a charge," he said, "he ought to have the manhood to at least endeavor to sustain it, and the committee proposes to give the fullest opportunity for this." Some signed communications of a similar character have been received, and to all these the committee has replied, inviting the writer to appear.

Dr. McBryde's testimony to-day was in line with that previously given, in that it tended to show the general condition of the institute to be good. The president said one of the aims was to have theory and practice go hand in hand in all the departments of the institution.

Professor T. H. Campbell, of modern languages; Professor R. J. Davidson, Professor W. E. Barlow, Professor E. A. Smythe, Jr., and Professor C. W. Weaver, of the respective chairs, and Professor A. M. Soule testified at some length as to the agricultural school, of which he is the dean. Professor H. L. Price spoke of conditions in the horticultural department, and he was on the stand for some time.

The method of discipline will come up to-morrow, and the subject will be one of peculiar public interest.

Board of Visitors Meet.

The board of visitors met to-day and organized. Messrs. H. M. Smith, R. S. Cochran, and Charles G. Kizer, qualified by Governor Swanson, recently. They were accompanied by Mr. J. C. Carrington, an old member. Superintendent Eggleston and Messrs. C. W. Heater, and J. S. Musgrave are the only absentees.

The members are attending the sessions of the committee and will remain here for several days.

Judge Martin Williams, of the committee, was unable to attend with the body this afternoon, being confined to his room by a slight indisposition.

Captain J. R. Johnson, of Christiansburg, took the committee and board members as his guests on a drive this afternoon, the party visiting Lovell's Leap and the Horseshoe, two picturesque and beautiful points on New River.

Believes Father Was Murdered.

(By Associated Press.) MEMPHIS, TENN., July 26.—Word was received to-day that the body of Dr. William Pratt, a wealthy riverman, had been found in the Mississippi at Brook Landing, Miss. Dr. Pratt mysteriously disappeared from his home in Memphis two months ago and to-day that marks on the body indicated that his father had been murdered.

Georgia at Jamestown.

(By Associated Press.) ATLANTA, GA., July 26.—The lower House of the Georgia Legislature to-day passed a bill appropriating \$30,000 for a State exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition.

TERRIFIC STORM SWEEPS ST. LOUIS

One Person Killed, Many Injured and an Excursion Steamer Blown on a Dyke.

(By Associated Press.) ST. LOUIS, MO., July 26.—A terrific wind and rain-storm struck St. Louis and vicinity this afternoon. Lightning started seven fires in different parts of the city. A negro, name unknown, was blown from his wagon under a passing fire engine, and was killed. Electric wires were blown down, sheds and a few frame houses were demolished, and a number of people were hurt by debris. The steamer Liberty, filled with pleasure-seekers, caught in the storm near Alton, Ill., was driven through the Mississippi River at Union at a terrible speed and dashed into a dike of the Missouri rocks. Topping, with the terrorized passengers huddled in the cabin, the prow of the boat was forced on the government dike, while the force of the wind hurled chairs into the river from the dike and shattered the cabin windows. The boat held firmly on the dike, however, and when the storm had abated sufficiently, the government boat Lucia transhipped the passengers and landed them in Alton. Reports from the outskirts of the western portion of the city say that several houses were blown down and a number of persons hurt.

STORY OF ASSAULT ON DREYFUS IS DENIED

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, July 26.—An official denial was issued to-day regarding a rumor that Major Dreyfus had been assaulted yesterday by a brother officer in the military club. The official statement says: "According to custom, the officers of the First Cavalry Division gave a dinner to two newly-appointed lieutenants, and the Minister of War authorized the officers, upon their unanimous request, to invite Major Dreyfus. The dinner was marked throughout by animated sentiments of the most perfect good fellowship. The officers separated towards 9:30 P. M., without the occurrence of anything which could give rise to the rumor just in circulation." In an interview, Major Dreyfus declared that he was absolutely astonished at the rumored incident, which was an invention throughout.

ALLEGED MIRACLES AT ST. ANNE'S GROTTO

(By Associated Press.) KANKAKEE, ILL., July 26.—Three alleged miracles were performed at St. Anne's Grotto to-day. Mrs. Barbara Bertone, of Carroll, Ill., who, it is said, had not been able to walk for seventeen years, was "cured" and walked away from the church without crutches. Miss Mayne Chaney, of Muskegon, Mich., who suffered from polio in her right arm, was "cured" and walked away from the church without crutches. Mrs. A. P. P. of Muskegon, Mich., a bed-ridden invalid for a year, was also "cured." More than 4,000 persons attended the services, 1,200 coming from Chicago on the pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Anne.

ROCKEFELLER GIVES BOND FOR APPEARANCE

(By Associated Press.) FINDLAY, O., July 26.—Attorney James O. Troup, of Bowling Green, on behalf of John D. Rockefeller, to-day formally waived service of the warrant and entered his appearance in court, and at the same time gave bond in the sum of \$1,000 for Mr. Rockefeller's appearance Tuesday, September 4th. The bond is signed by John D. Rockefeller, by James O. Troup, his attorney, and by George P. Jones, of Findlay. At the same time that the bond was given a motion to quash the information charging Rockefeller with conspiracy was also filed. The case is to be heard September 4th.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION WRECKS BIG BUILDING

(By Associated Press.) SHELBY, OHIO, July 26.—A terrific explosion, followed by fire to-day, wrecked the big Schwab and Clark grocery store, one member of the firm and two children were killed, and a number of others were injured. A quantity of refuse in a furnace in the basement exploded spontaneously. Albert Clark, who was sitting directly over the furnace, was blown to the ceiling, and his life is in danger. The two children were in the apartments above the store, and their cries brought the firemen to their rescue.

Presents Credentials.

(By Associated Press.) CONSTANTINOPLE, July 26.—J. G. A. Leliman, the American ambassador to Turkey, to-day collected the Turkish foreign minister, and presented his new credentials.

PRINCE MURAT DIES UNDER AUTOMOBILE

(By Associated Press.) MUNICH, BAVARIA, July 26.—Prince Eugene Murat was killed to-day by the overturning of his automobile while he was on the way to Carlsbad. The Prince was the eldest son of Prince Louis Murat by his marriage with the widowed Princess Orbellani, and was also related to the Princess Anna Murat, whose mother was born at Bordentown, N. J. To the latter town the Murat who was Napoleon's great cavalry leader went after his children's downfall. With him went Joseph Bonaparte, another of Napoleon's supporters. Prince Eugene Murat married Mile. Violette Billigheim, the daughter of the Louisiana banker and philanthropist.

J. P. Morgan Home.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, July 26.—J. Pierpont Morgan arrived on the steamer Baltic to-day from Liverpool.

PARTED LOVERS DIE TOGETHER

Young Couple Embraced and Leaped Into Delaware River.

PARENTS WOULD NOT PERMIT MARRIAGE

Went Out Tuesday Together and Were Seen Alive No More. Bodies Taken from River Yesterday by Police. Had Threatened Suicide.

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, PA., July 26.—Grievously disappointed because their parents would not permit them to marry, Gustav Kathke, aged nineteen years, and Ella Miller, a beautiful girl of eighteen, committed suicide together Tuesday night by jumping into the Delaware River. To-night the bodies of the young couple, clasped in each other's arms, came to the surface near Chestnut Street wharf, this city, and were taken from the river by the police. Kathke and the girl had been missing since Tuesday, when they left their homes to visit friends in another part of the city. He had been paying attention to the young woman for about four years, and was anxious to make her his wife. The parents of both, however, objected because of their youthfulness, and these objections caused the young couple much sorrow. The young woman had often spoken of ending her life if not permitted to marry, but little attention was paid to her remarks. Failed to Return. Before leaving home on Tuesday Kathke told a cousin he was going out for a launch ride on the Delaware River with Miss Miller. He was never seen again. Apparently, and told the relative that if anything should happen to him, to let the coroner bury him. He told the cousin, jokingly, to hang crepe on the front door and lay a bunch of eighteen roses in his coffin. The young man and woman failed to return to their homes that night, and the next day they were reported to the police as missing. The morning mail of Wednesday brought a letter to the girl's mother in which the daughter said the mother would never see her again. Nothing more was heard of the couple until to-night, when the churning of a propeller of a tugboat caused the bodies to come to the surface. The way the arms were clasped about each other, it is supposed that Kathke and Miss Miller embraced and jumped into the river.

SAYS SON WAS AT HOME WHEN WOMAN WAS KILLED

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, July 26.—Frank J. Constantine, brother of Frank J. Constantine, under arrest in Poughkeepsie on suspicion of having killed Mrs. Louise Gentry in Chicago, who lives in this city, said to-night: "At the time the police of Chicago say my son murdered Mrs. Gentry he was a conductor on a Pullman car. He has not been away for a week. I have sent a lawyer to Poughkeepsie, who will prove that Frank was killed."

GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

(By Associated Press.) LEEDS, ENGLAND, July 26.—The Great Northern Hotel here was practically destroyed by fire which broke out late last night, but the firemen prevented the flames from spreading. The total loss is \$750,000.

WILL OFFER LARGE WILL FOR PROBATE DURING DAY

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, July 26.—Mrs. Russell Sage announced to-day that she will offer a large will for probate to-morrow, when its contents will be made public.

Must Not Dispose of Bonds.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 26.—The Supreme Court of the District, on a petition filed by the Department of Justice to-day issued a rule requiring John F. Gaynor, William F. Gaynor, Anson M. Bangs, Henry C. Bangs and Company, of New York, and Secretary Shaw to show cause why an injunction should not be granted restraining them from disposing in any way of \$25,000 worth of government bonds, alleged to have been bought by William F. Gaynor, a brother of John F. Gaynor, the contractor, with funds received through alleged fraudulent transactions with Captain O. M. Carter, the engineer in charge of the improvements in the Savannah, Ga., district.

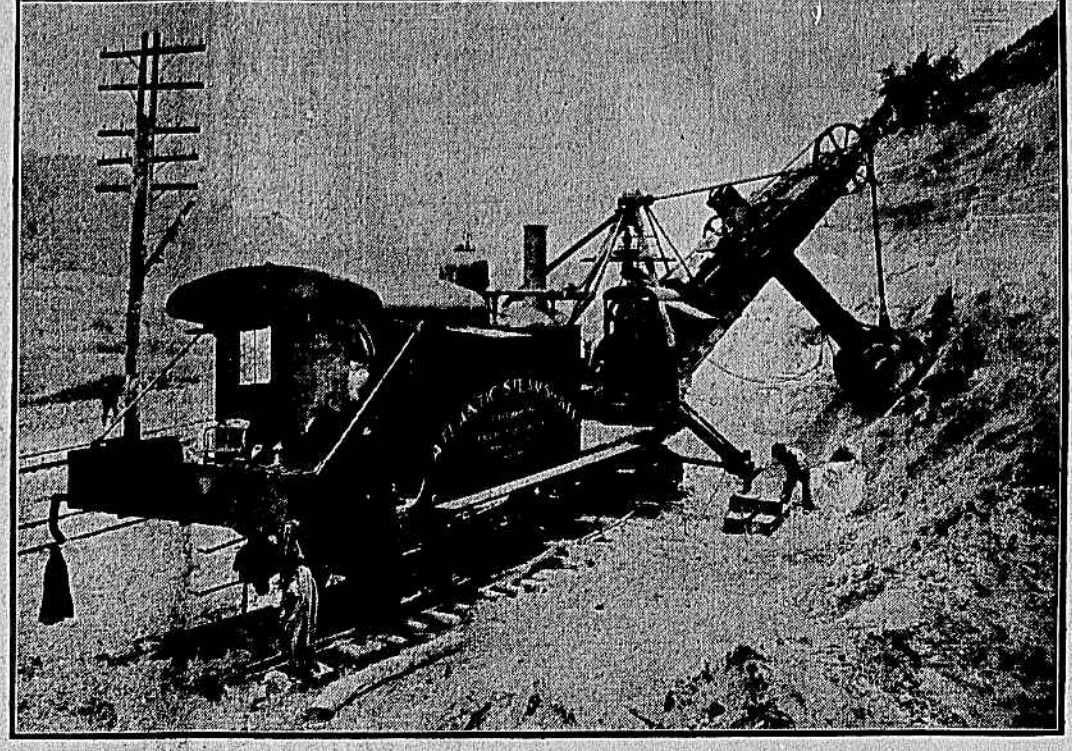
Predicts Nomination of Hearst.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, July 26.—The Press to-morrow will say: "William F. Hearst will be nominated for Governor in Carnegie Hall on Tuesday, September 11th, or on the following day." At the close of the convention the nomination will be tendered to Mr. Hearst at a mass meeting in Madison Square Garden, and then the campaign of the Independents' League will be formally under way. Justice William F. Gaynor will not be a candidate against Hearst. The State Democratic leaders knew Justice Gaynor's position, and have been informed that his name must not be used to obtain delegates to the convention.

Automobile Owner Sentenced.

(By Associated Press.) YONKERS, N. Y., July 26.—Judge Joseph Beall, who recently gave warning that he would send automobile owners and chauffeurs guilty of immorality or reckless driving to jail, fulfilled his promise to-day when he sentenced George W. Bryant, of Manhattan, to two months in the Kings county penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$50.

TO MAKE STEAM SHOVELS IN RICHMOND.



The manufacture of steam shovels in the Richmond branch of the American Locomotive Works will commence within five months, when it is expected that the new plant for their making will be finished. This will be the only plant of its kind in the South, and its output—200 a year—will be equal to that of any in the country. These shovels, as shown above, are huge creations of mechanical genius. They perform the work that in days gone by required many men for its accomplishment. The capacity of every shovel is two and a half cubic yards of earth at every load, and their amount of excavation in a day is equal to that of a small army of men in a week. They are now used in all parts of the country, particularly in railroad construction work, and in other forms of cut digging. In the work on the Panama Canal their use has been found most effective, and several of recent manufacture are now in use in the Culebra cut.

TRACE MURDER TO POLICE OFFICERS

Two Members of Catlettsburg Force Charged With Killing William Pratt.

WANTED HIM OUT OF WAY

He and James Gray Were Principal Witnesses Under Charge.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) HUNTINGTON, W. VA., July 26.—Through the testimony given the sheriff at Catlettsburg by four eye-witnesses to a murder which occurred in that city the 6th of July, one of the most mysterious crimes known in this section was brought to light yesterday, and two policemen of that city were placed under arrest charged with the killing. William Pratt was found dead with a bullet through his heart in an alley in Catlettsburg on the morning of the 6th of July, and James Gray was thought to be mortally wounded. No clue to the murder was ever secured until the testimony turned in yesterday, which resulted in the arrest of Policemen John Tipton and James Slaughter. Tipton was already under indictment for the murder of Jake Slaughter, and Pratt and Gray were the only substantial witnesses for the Commonwealth, having been eye-witnesses to the killing of Slaughter. Knowing that by their testimony he would be convicted of that murder, it is charged that he sought to put them out of the way, and secured the services of Policemen Hewlett to help him. Unknown to them at the time there were four persons who saw the assassination of Pratt, but who up until yesterday maintained silence. The news of the arrest of the officers on the serious charge created great excitement, and there was talk of lynching for some time. Tipton's trial for the murder of Slaughter was to come off in the near future.

STOCKHOLDERS BEING ROBBED, THEY DECLARE

Demand Immediate Examination of Books of Wells-Fargo Express Company.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, July 26.—Dudley Evans, president, and Homer B. Parsons, secretary of the Wells-Fargo Express Company, were made defendants to-day in an action brought in the Supreme Court by Brooklyn by Albert W. Pomroy and Albert Josephson, two stockholders, for a peremptory writ of mandamus compelling them to submit to an examination of the books of the corporation. The plaintiffs said that they represent 56 per cent of the stock of the company. After hearing the arguments, the court reserved decision. Counsel for the plaintiffs declared in his argument that they have received interest on only 8 per cent, while they had reason to believe it should be 40 per cent. Counsel also said that the company was recently formed to get information about the affairs of the company, but had received only an evasive statement. He asserted that for the past five years the corporation had been under the domination of one man. He said the surplus was stated to be \$12,000,000, when it probably was \$19,000,000, and the amount of bonds was given as \$5,000,000, when \$10,000,000 would be nearer correct. The attorney for the defense asserted that the plaintiffs represented a stock in the company, and wanted to control every annual meeting of the directors of the company. It was said, full and complete statements were issued as to the financial condition of the concern.

GOES 6,000 MILES TO LEPER COLONY TOWED PHYSICIAN

Niece of Former Secretary of Navy and Heiress to Large Fortune Now on Way to Join Fiance in Hawaii.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEW YORK, July 26.—Miss Nellie White, niece of Ex-Secretary of the Navy John D. Long, has heard the call of love from 6,000 miles across the Pacific. Heiress to the late millionaire, Nelson D. White, and a girl who has procured tea in the highest social circles of Massachusetts and her native town of Winchendon, Miss White is on her way to Hawaii to join her fiance, Dr. Walter R. Brickerhoff, who is devoting his life to the leper colony at Malakal, in an attempt to discover a remedy for the disease which makes its victims the outcasts of the world. Robert Louis Stevenson once spoke of the leper sanatorium as "a pitiful place to visit, and a hell to stay in." It is indeed a most unattractive place, a dismal prison, with only a view of the broad ocean expanse to relieve its horrors. Yet this prospect has not dismayed the brave young American girl and her courageous husband-to-be. Dr. Brickerhoff is convinced that a cure can be found for leprosy, and the girl who loves him has agreed that they shall devote the next few years of their life to an earnest and untiring effort to find it.

UNHAPPY NEGRO WINS SYMPATHY

Mother and Sister Recently Dead, His Brother Killed in Cold Blood at Meherrin.

WAS LOOKING FOR MURDERER

David Crawley, a colored man, of Meherrin, Va., was arrested about 9 o'clock last night by Officers Kerse, Dudley, and Taylor on the charge of carrying a concealed weapon in the shape of a rusty old pistol. Crawley was brought to the First Police Station, where he was booked by Sergeant Hall. The man is evidently an honest, hard-working country negro, and his story on being questioned by a reporter, appealed to all who heard him. He said his mother and sister had died within the last four months. Yesterday afternoon at a church meeting in Meherrin a negro named John Hudson shot and killed his brother in cold blood, and with no apparent reason. Crawley caught him under arrest, but some other negroes jumped on him and let the murderer escape. Crawley got an old pistol and chased the man over a boggy field and several barb-wire fences until he finally disappeared.

Came Here After Him.

Thinking he would come to Richmond, Crawley got on a train and arrived here last night. He hunted about the streets last night, but in vain. Being a stranger he went up to a policeman about 9 o'clock and asked where he could find a good place to lodge for the night. Being mud-covered and having his clothes torn, the officer asked what he was up to. The negro frankly replied that he was looking for a man who killed his brother. Ignorant of Laws. Crawley was so ignorant of the laws that he did not know what he was arrested for until he told him. He told an honest and straightforward way that there was not a policeman or police officer present who heard that did not believe and sympathize with him. He was given a clean cell to himself and told that he would be about as comfortable there as in a cheap lodging place. The officers also told Crawley that they felt pretty sure that Judge Crutfield would discharge him when he heard his story.

Story of Killing.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) GREEN BAY, WIS., July 26.—At a protracted meeting at Forest Church (colored), Ed. Crawley, colored, was shot and instantly killed this evening by John Henry Hudson, also colored, who was appointed, it is said, a special constable to keep order at a graduation of trouble people, and it is reported that Hudson, fearing trouble, has fled. The shooting occurred about four miles from this place.

MURDERER DIES WITH HIS BOOTS ON

Career of Crime of Hiram Wilson, North Carolina's "Bad Man."

A NOTORIOUS DESPERADO

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 26.—Hiram Wilson, of Yancey county, this State, the most notorious desperado in all this section, twice a murderer, and noted as a distiller of blockade liquor, is dead—killed by a mere lad in the "Spill Corn" section of Madison county last Friday afternoon. Hiram Wilson died, as those who knew him well predicted he would die, with his boots on. There will be few tears shed over the announcement of his death. He was loved by few and dreaded and feared by many. Hiram Wilson was born in Yancey county; was a son of ex-Sheriff Wilson, of that county, and a brother of the late

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TRANSVAL JUGGLERS FLAYED BY KIPLING

Condemns Alleged Treachery by Which Colonists Will Be Betrayed Again.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, July 27.—The Standard this morning publishes a stirring poem by Rudyard Kipling, entitled "South Africa," which the Standard calls "an eloquent yet condensed statement of the British case," in that country. It is a satire on the government's alleged haste to grant new constitutions for the South African, under which some persons fear that Boer ascendancy will be again established in the Transvaal. Mr. Kipling reminds Englishmen of the price paid to lose "the yoke" which our brethren lay, and condemns the alleged treachery by which the colonists will be again betrayed into the hands of the Boers, saying: "Our rulers jugglingly devise To sell them back again." In this connection it is said the government's plan contemplates securing a majority of British representatives in the proposed Transvaal legislative assembly. Nevertheless the opposition in the House of Commons will vigorously fight the proposed constitution.

CZAR, LIVING ON VOLCANO, FACES EMPTY TREASURY

Consternation Over Fall in Securities at Home and Abroad.

GOVERNMENT IS NOW OPTIMISTIC

Issuing Rosy Reports in Hope of Deluding Men Who Hold Money Bags.

REVOLUTION STEADILY IS GATHERING FORCE

Fatal Blunder Made in Allowing Defiant Members of Douma to Go Free—Disorders Are Breaking Out in Many Places.

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, July 26.—Strong-headed reforms are laid down by M. Stolypin as the keynote of his administration in an interview to-day, in which the new premier expressed his confidence that this policy, with the aid of the "innate patriotism of the masses," and the army, which, "in spite of all reports, is still loyal and reliable," will tide the country over until the convocation of the next Parliament. He emphasized, as did Comptroller of the Empire Schwannbach on Sunday, the belief that the outlawed Parliament was neither representative nor capable of constructive work. He spoke with special scorn of the leaders of the Constitutional Democrats, "not attempting to conceal his impression that the quasi-respectability of the party was but a cover for insincerity and trucking with the worst element of the revolutionists. They did not honestly believe in either a general reorganization of the government, or amnesty, or their advocacy of these features was merely a campaign cry." The premier stated that the members of Parliament were not arrested for signing the Viborg manifesto, because that merely would have conferred a mild and much-desired martyrdom on them; but they would be promptly held responsible for the slightest attempt to preach to their constituents seditious doctrines, such as refusal to pay taxes or furnish recruits to the army. Living Over Volcano. The government's sudden excess of optimism is traceable to the construction of the disastrous fall in Russian securities at home and abroad. The one thing which the government cannot do without is money, and whatever the response to the outlawed Parliament's appeal to the public to refuse to pay any longer taxes, the whole future depends on the ability of the government to continue its foreign loan operations. The second installment of the big loan negotiated prior to August 1st, and the outlook in Russia has frightened the holders into refusing to pay any further cash. Finance Minister Kokovtsov has been bombarded by telegrams from abroad, urging the necessity of supporting the market. This accounts for the activity of the government bankers in bidding up prices on the Bourse here and at Moscow yesterday, as well as the view to view sent by the telegraph agency under M. Kokovtsov's inspiration. As a matter of fact, the government can hardly be blind to the evidence under its nose that it is living over a volcano. For the last four or five months, the central committee of the Social Democrats, Social Revolutionists, peasant leagues, railroad men's union, and telegraphers' union, and the military committee have been conferring both separately and jointly with the various editors of groups, on the question of calling a general strike, but actually on the question of attempting a counter coup d'etat by setting up a provisional government. No final decision has yet been taken, but practically all the proletarian organizations, including that of the railroad men, but excepting the telegraphers, have already pronounced in favor of this step. Garrison Revolts. Conferences will be held by representatives of the other groups, and the possible extent of the support which a revolutionary movement may receive from the army therefore vital. At Helsinki, Finland, Tuesday night, 1,500 soldiers and sailors of the garrison took an oath to fight on the side of the people. It is quite apparent to disinterested observers of the situation that the government, in endeavoring on its present policy, made, perhaps, a fatal blunder in lacking the hardihood to arrest the members of the outlaw Parliament. In its desire to "save its face," it feared to go further than prohibit the publication of the address of the Parliament to the country, and preventing the members from giving public accounts of their stewardship to their constituents. But this decision only left the members of Parliament at large, free to conduct a campaign personally free to conduct a campaign against the life of the government, and the plot is complete and the signal has gone forth the arrests will be useless, and the government will again find that it acted too late in closing the political clubs, which have been followed by the closing of all the workmen's unions and suspected tea-houses. The reports from the provinces indicate that the authorities do not fear to employ harsher measures than have been used at the capital. The police to give hostages as guarantees against attempts at illegal publications. Trying to Force Issue. The Ministry of Railroads received word to-day of several attempts to destroy railroad bridges, and it is believed that the radicals are resorting to this means